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- 2. The references 1-6 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- 3. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

- 4. An English language Abstract of the non-English language reference 4 is attached hereto.
- 5. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese reference has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 4.

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